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11. On May 26, econoff delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Asian Department Counselor Rashid Al-Hajeri. In response to a query about the USD 49 million commitment made by Kuwait at the Pakistan Donor's conference in Tokyo in April, Hajeri confirmed that this contribution referred to a previous commitment made by Kuwait to assist in the reconstruction of areas in Pakistan that had suffered major earthquake damage. This was also confirmed separately by a Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development official. Hajeri gave no indication of the liklihood of further GoK assistance, but said due to the humanitarian nature of the request that any further GoK assistance likely would be channeled through the Kuwait Red Crescent Society.

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